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Comments on Posting Salmonella Results on FSIS Web Site:

I oppose the posting of Salmonella results on the USDA web site for the following reasons.

- 1. You have different inspectors some who care and some who just say well I gotta do a salmonella test.
- 2. The sampling system is marginal at best(51 test out of 9,000,000 poultry processed.)
- 3. A Judge in Texas has ruled that USDA cannot withdraw inspection due to the three strikes and your out, Yes the agency can find other reasons to withdraw inspection.
- 4. It is like Russian roulette one chicken is taken per day for testing(that chicken could be negative a number of the rest could test positive for Salmonellae just the opposite of that situation at another plant could take place.
- 5. Salmonella exist in our environment and there are many other food sources that could have salmonella and are not being tested
- 6. Positive or Negative results do not tell the true story.
- 7. Labs do make mistakes and could cause an operation to be placed on the web site unjustly.
- 8. This information is available already through the freedom of information act.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue